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- 6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the absorbent point is either positive or negative.
- 7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the positive absorbent point corresponds to a swim or a safe point and the negative absorbent point corresponds to a sink or an edge point.
- 8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein one or more possible wagers include a sink bet, a safe bet, a sink-emperor bet, and a safe-emperor bet, or a combination thereof.
- 9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein one or more wagers include a swim bet, a wager based on duration, a proposition bet, a place bet, a wager that the game-piece will enter one or more given states prior to entering one or more other states, or a combination thereof.
- 10. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random number generator is a roulette wheel.
- 11. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random number generator is one or more coins.

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- 12. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random number generator is a computer.
- 13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the number generator is at least one deck of playing cards.
- 14. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random number generator is a sporting event, a horse race, a gambling event, or a meteorological event, or a combination thereof.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the player cards comprise cards having at least one suit and at least one color.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random generator is one or more dice.
- 17. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the random number generator is a first die and a second die.
- 18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the first and second dice have six faces, wherein the three faces of the first die have a first marking, three faces of the first die have a second marking, three faces of the second die have a third marking, and

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- the three faces of the second die have a fourth marking.
- 19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the first, second, third, and fourth markings are north, south, east, and west.
- 20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the first, second, third, and fourth markings are card suits, the cards suits being clubs, hearts, spades, and diamonds.
  - 21. A method of playing a game, comprising:
    - a) a game board comprising of one or more starting points, a plurality of non-absorbent points, and a plurality of absorbent points; a game piece selectively positionable on the game board; and a random number generator;
    - b) placing one or more wagers;
    - c) generating a random number, wherein the random number corresponds to a point on the game board;
    - d) determining whether the point is absorbing or non-absorbing; and
    - e) resolving wagers accordingly to game rules.
- 22. The method of claim 21 wherein step (e) further comprises calculating inchoate cargo for the one or more wagers based upon whether the point is a non-absorbing or absorbing point.

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- 23. The method of claim 21 further comprising determining if the game continues or ends.
- 24. The method of claim 21 wherein the random number generator is one or more decks of cards, one or more dice, one or more coins, a roulette wheel, a sporting event, a horse race, a meteorological event, or a computer.
- 25. The method of claim 21 wherein the one or more wagers correspond to a positive absorbent point or a negative absorbent point.
- 26. The method of claim 25 wherein the positive absorbent point corresponds to a safe or a swim point and the negative absorbent point corresponds to a sink or an edge point.
- 27. The method of claim 21 wherein the wagers are a sink bet, a safe bet, a sink-emperor bet, a safe-emperor bet, an insurance bet, a wager based on duration, a place bet, a wager that the game-piece will enter one or more given states prior to entering one or more other states, or a combination thereof.
  - 28. A method of playing a game, comprising:
    - a) providing an apparatus of claim 1;
    - b) placing one or more wagers;

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- c) generating a random number, wherein the random number corresponds to a point of the game board;
- d) determining whether the point is a non-absorbing or an absorbing point;
- e) calculating inchoate cargo for the one or more wagers based upon whether the point is a non-absorbing or absorbing point; and
- f) resolving wagers according to game rules.
- 29. The method of claim 28 further comprising determining if the game continues or ends.
- 30. The method of claim 28 wherein the one or more wagers correspond to a positive absorbent point or a negative absorbent point.
- 31. The method of claim 30 wherein the positive absorbent point corresponds to a safe or a swim point and the negative absorbent point corresponds to a sink or an edge point.
- 32. The method of claim 28 wherein the random number generator is one or more decks of cards, one or more dice, one or more coins, a roulette wheel, a sporting event, a horse race, a meteorological event, or a computer.

- 33. The method of claim 28 wherein one or more wagers include a swim bet, a wager based on duration, a proposition bet, a place bet, a wager that the game-piece will enter one or more given states prior to entering one or more other states, or a combination thereof.
  - 34. A random number generator, comprising:
  - at least one device having 6 sides, wherein the first 3 sides have a first marking and the second three sides have a second marking, and wherein the first marking and the second marking are distinct.
- 35. The random number generator of claim 34 wherein the first marking and the second marking are selected from the group consisting of north, south, east, and west.
- 36. The random number generator of claim 34 wherein the first marking and the second marking are selected from the group consisting of northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast.
- 37. The random number generator of claim 34 wherein the first marking and the second marking are selected from the group consisting of up, down, right, and left.